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The Megagame of Power Politics in Old Japan

TEAM BRIEFING - UKITA CLAN

The Ukita are an ancient diamy family descended from Kojima Takanori, and therefore from Minamoto (Seiwa-Genji).

The current lord, Ukita Naoie, became clan leader when Urakami Muramune of Mimasaka (whom he served at the time) had his father put to death. Naoie at first served Lord Urakami, then to avenge the death of his father, revolted and forced Urakami to flee to Sanuki Province. He then rid himself of a number of potential rivals and made himself lord of Bitchu province (the original family home) as well as the lands of Urakami.



Provinces under Ukita control are:

BITCHU	3 rice
BIZEN	6 rice
MIMASAKA	2 rice

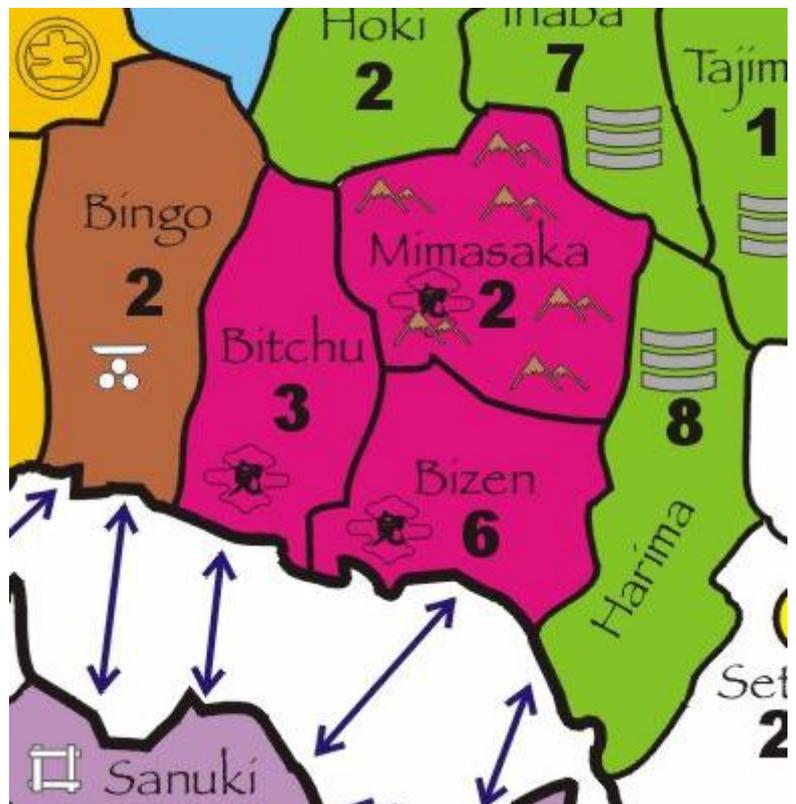
total	1 rice

Background

The young lord has been very successful in the last year or so, but has to hold on to these sudden gains. In particular he is threatened by the expansionist Mori Clan to the west and the Miyoshi to the South. The Ukita need to find some powerful friends from somewhere.

Team Players

- UKITA NAOIE (21) Clan leader
- UKITA NAGAMORI (17) Brother of Naoie and Clan General.
- UJIYASU NOTOMORI (36) Loyal retainer and Clan chamberlain.
- UKITA TOROIE (45) Uncle to Naoie.
- TSUTSUMI YASUHISA (44) Loyal clan samurai





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Personal Briefing : Daimyo Ukita Naoie

You know that now is a time of great danger to the clan. The lack of strong central control from the Shogun has meant that powerful and aggressive Daimyo are constantly fighting amongst themselves, often to extinction. You do not want this to happen to your clan - the destruction of your clan by one or more of these rapacious warlords would not only be a bitter thing, but would disgrace the names of your ancestors. You do not wish this.



Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. To ensure that the clan survives at all costs.
- b. To try to avoid all adventures that might put the clan and its current holdings at risk.
- c. To ensure that the clan does nothing that would disgrace the names of its ancestors.
- d. You would like to increase your standing in the clan also - but obviously this should not be at the expense of the greater good of the clan itself.



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Personal Briefing : General Ukita Nagamori

You believe that now is the time of greatness for the clan. the Shogun is a snivelling weakling, and the various other Daimyo are disorganised and fight for only local advantage. You could see your Lord as Shogun, if only he will pursue the cause and defeat his enemies.



Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. encourage and support your Lord in a bid to become Shogun.
- b. To increase the standing of your clan substantially.
- c. To ensure that your clan is the strongest and most respected in Japan.
- d. To never, never, stand for insults from your inferiors (which is just about anyone from another clan).



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Personal Briefing : Chamberlain Ujiyasu Notomori

Times are hard for the samurai class, and this clan in particular. Merchants and peasants seem to grow fat while the honest warrior risks his life defending them and their homes in the many wars. The common folk do not understand the privations of the warrior - they think that because you have a mansion and servants and horses and followers that you are a rich man - but what are riches? Only fleeting things that pass only too quickly (especially when you have a mansion, servants, horses etc. to maintain).



You feel that the commoners are getting rich on these wars, and that you should join in on this general atmosphere of wealth creation. Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. To ensure that you clan becomes and remains very wealthy.
- b. To ensure that you personally become very wealthy.
- c. That samurai from other clans become poorer (preferably in meeting objective b. above).



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Personal Briefing : Ukita Toroie

Despite what is said about the hard and sombre life of the samurai, you have always fought hard and played hard. You feel that it is up to the samurai class to outshine the old and decadent nobility in terms of patronage of the arts, plays and buildings, so that the legacy of the samurai will last for thousands of years - and you will have a good time in the here and now also.



Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. To ensure that your clan becomes famed for its lavish patronage of the arts, if not the most famous clan in the land.
- b. to make sure that you yourself patronise the arts to the greatest possible extent.
- c. To improve your personal standing within the clan.



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Personal Briefing : Tsutsumi Yasuhisa

You are a great traditionalist. You believe in the absolute power of your Lord, have total loyalty to him, and through him to the Emperor (may he live for 1000 years). Honour is not just the most important thing, it is the *only* thing.

You avoid the dishonourable, do the honourable, and be ready to die at all times.



Your personal objectives are:

- a. Obey your Lord in all things - no matter what.
- b. Gain honour for your Lord by your actions.
- c. Gain honour for your clan by your actions
- d. If necessary, die an honourable death rather than be dishonoured, or fail in your objectives.